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1. Telephoned Representative Paul J. Kilday who advised that he and the Speaker had talked with Representative Chet Holifield and Holifield agreed to have the staff look into the matter on the merits, eventually informing Representative Steven V. Carter that it was properly handled. Mr. Kilday suggested I might drop by to see Holifield since Holifield expressed surprise we had not approached him directly.

2. The above information was passed to Gilbert C. Greenway, Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Material), and later Greenway advised that all went well but indicated that Earl Morgan and Herbert Roback were also surprised that we had not come to them directly. I will also visit with them. Between Greenway and Legislative Counsel it was agreed that Greenway would talk farther with Air Force L&L about taking the matter up with Tom Bender in Senator Clair Engle's office.

3. The Director, accompanied by Legislative Counsel met in the White House with Robert Merriam, Rex Reid (BOB), and [] (OCB) to discuss the Freedom Commission bills. See Memorandum for the Record.

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4. Dr. Otto Guthe called to inquire about the proposed trip of William Merrell to visit SAC, NORAD, and other Air Force installations since certain staff people from the Hill were on the trip. This was discussed with Colonel Lightfoot in Air Force L&L who is the escort officer. He furnished the names of the staff and appropriate information and guidance was furnished to Dr. Guthe.

5. Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, telephoned to say that he had some information from a confidential source characterized as usually reliable to the effect that the President of the University of Guayaquil in Ecuador is an active Communist and dispenses large sums of money which he receives from Castro and from Venezuela. I thanked Mr. Sourwine for this information.